GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:212
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Nirbhaya Fund
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated and disbursed from the Nirbhaya Fund during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
(b) whether a large proportion of the Nirbhaya Fund remains unutilized during the said period . If so, the details thereof ; and
(c) the steps taken by the Government for optimum utilization of the said funds ?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 212 FOR 11.03.2016 BY SHRI CHARANJEET SINGH RORI and SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA ON NIRBHAYA FUND:

(a) Government of India has set up a dedicated fund called Nirbhaya Fund for implementation of initiatives aimed at enhancing the safety and security of women in the country. The corpus transferred to the Public Account for the Nirbhaya fund till 2014-15 is Rs. 2000.00 Cr. The following budgetary allocations have been made out of Nirbhaya Fund by Department of Economic Affairs, (Budget division) Ministry of Finance:
i) Ministry of Home Affairs : Rs. 150 Cr. in 2014-15 and Rs. 150 Cr. in 2015-16
ii) Ministry of Road Transport Rs. 50 Cr. in 2014-15 and Rs. 653 Cr. in 2015-16
& Highways:

MWCD is administering two schemes namely, One Stop Centre Scheme (OSC) and Universalisation of Women Helpline (WHL) under Nirbhaya Fund. The OSC was approved in March 2015 for setting up of One Stop Centre one in each State/UT to support the women affected by violence. The WHL Scheme was approved in February 2015 for implementation in 2015-16. The details are as under:

Name of the Scheme	Budget Provision (BE 2015-16)	Funds Released to States/UTs
One Stop Centre Scheme	Rs. 14.00 Cr.	Rs. 10.17 Cr.
Universalisation of Women Helpline	Rs. 28.00 Cr.	Rs. 15.46 Cr.

State/UT-wise list is annexed (Annexure I).

(b) & (c) : As per the guidelines of Ministry of Finance dated 25.3.2015, Ministry of Women and Child Development is the nodal authority for appraisal of the schemes/proposals received under Nirbhaya Fund. The proposals as and when received from various Central Ministries are appraised & recommended by an Empowered Committee of Officers under Nirbhaya Fund on priority. Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs have further simplified the procedure for release of funds from Nirbhaya Fund for the projects to be financed under Nirbhaya Fund.
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